Statement

District-wise number of branches of commercial banks and Regional Rural in Orissa as on 30-6-1988.

Name of District	No. of branches
Balasore	149
Bolangir	90
Cuttack	321
Dhenkanal	116
Ganjam	193
Kalahandi	99
Keonjhar	73
Koraput	143
Mayurbhanj	111
Phulbani	52
Puri	231
Sambalpur	139
Sundergarh	95
TOTAL :	1812

India's Trade Promotion Offices Abroad

1080. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a trade promotion office in Paris;

(b) whether it is a part of Government's programme to promote trade between India and France; and

(c) what are the other places outside India where trade promotion offices are set up by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) During a meeting of the Indo-French Joint Committee held in New Delhi on 30th and 31st January, 1989, the possibilities of expansion of bilateral trade were discussed. A suggestion was made by the French side for setting up of an office for promotion of Indian exports to France.

(c) Apart from the Commercial Sections located in our Missions abroad, organisations under the Ministry of Commerce have set up commercial and trade promotion offices at various places like Brussels, New York, Tokyo, London, Sydney, Singapore, Kuwait, Dubai, Frankfurt, etc.

Modification of Furnace Oil subsidy Scheme

1081. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to modify Furnace Oil Subsidy Scheme to bring down the eligibility criteria to 15 per cent F.O.B. Export value;

(b) whether the scheme has proved beneficial; if so, would it be continued in the Eighth Plan period; if not, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that high cost of Furnace Oil affects the competitiveness of small scale industries in the country; if so, what steps Government propose to take to build up exports in this sector; and

(d) whether the glass and ceramic industry has represented in this regard and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) The furnace oil subsidy scheme was introduced in August, 1984 by the Ministry of Petroleum. Under the scheme it was envisaged to make available furnace oil at concessional